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TO: ALL LICENSED SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS  
ALL LICENSED GROUP HOMES

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SUBJECT: **SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP)  
INTERIM LICENSING STANDARDS**

**Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary**

The purpose of this PIN is to notify current licensees of the updated Interim Licensing Standards for Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs).

**Background**

On January 27, 2017, the Department published Version 2 of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program Interim Licensing Standards (ILS). As of January 11, 2019, Version 3 of the CDSS STRTP ILS is now effective.

STRTP ILS Version 3 is posted on the [CCR STRTP website](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Continuum-of-Care-Reform/Short-Term-Residential-Therapeutic-Program), <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Continuum-of-Care-Reform/Short-Term-Residential-Therapeutic-Program>. Changes from ILS Version 2 have been highlighted in yellow. Underlined text indicates added language, and strikethroughs indicate removed language.

Multiple new sections have been added to the STRTP ILS. For STRTP administrators

and staff, two of these new sections are of particular importance:

### **Section 87068.05 – Admission Determination Procedures**

This new section delineates required procedures regarding admission determinations prior to intake. Previously, Section 87068.1 (Intake Procedures) included some overlap with rules regarding pre-intake considerations. Section 87068.05 adds a new section to the STRTP Plan of Operation, within which the applicant must describe their procedures to determine whether to admit or deny admission to a child referred to the facility.

### **Section 87078.2 – Trauma-Informed Interventions and Treatment Plans**

This new section codifies what it means for a program to be trauma-informed. Previously, the STRTP ILS required programs to be trauma-informed, but did not include a specific section dedicated to this integral concept.

### **Additional Updates**

Other sections with new or updated requirements for current or prospective STRTPs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Section 87018 – Application for License
- Section 87026 – Safeguards for Cash Resources, Personal Property, and Valuables
- Section 87040 – Denial of Initial License
- Section 87063 – Accountability
- Section 87068.4 – Removal and/or Transfer Procedures
- Section 87095.22 – Emergency Intervention Plan

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